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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RETURN OF LTC. THOCH POCH

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1. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT NO MORE USG FUNDS SHOULD BE EXPENDED ON LTC. THOCH POCH'S EDUCATION. NEVERTHELESS, BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO THE UTILITY OF HIS REMAINING HERE IN SOME OTHER CAPACITY IN ORDER TO KEEP HIM APART FROM LON NON.

2. TWO OF NON'S CLOSEST CRONIES AND AGENTS PROVOCATEURS IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE IN 1973 WERE THOCH POCH AND LTC. TAN SUOR, BOTH OF WHOM ACCOMPANIED NON ABROAD. (BELIEVE AARMA ARMSTRONG, WHO ESCORTED THESE INDIVIDUALS IN 1973, AND KNEW THEM IN 1971, COULD GIVE SOME USEFUL INSIGHTS ON THE QUESTION.) WE UNDERSTAND THAT LON NON NOW WANTS TAN SUOR TO RETURN HERE AS ASSISTANT TO KHMER MILITARY ATTACHE, B.G. SO SATTO, PRESUMABLY TO WATCH OVER NON'S FAMILY AFFAIRS. THOUGH TAN SUOR HAS ACTED MORE AS A MAJOR DOMO AND SERVANT THAN A POLICE OFFICIAL, WE RECALL THAT HE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS NOT THE BEST INFLU-
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ENCE ON LON NON IN CAMBODIA.

3. BELIEVE EMBASSY COULD, IF AFTER REFLECTION IT APPEARS
DESIRABLE, INDICATE TO THE GKR THAT FUNDS STRUCTURES PRE-

VENT FURTHER US SPONSORSHIP OF LTC. THOCH POCH. HOWEVER,
SINCE WASHINGTON UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GKR HAD BEEN CON-
TEMPLATING ASSIGNMENT OF AN ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE,
LTC. THOCH POCH'S AVAILABILITY PLUS LANGUAGE FACILITY
WOULD APPEAR TO BE FACTORS IN FAVOR OF HIS REMAINING HERE.
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